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SUBJECT: JAILED UNION LEADERS

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1. PRIME MINISTER KHIEM INFORMED ME YESTERDAY THAT HE HAD LOOKED INTO THE CASE OF THE IMPRISONED TRADE UNION LEADERS AND HAD FOUND THAT FOUR WERE STILL INCARCERATED. I TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THIS AFFAIR WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE MENTIONED BY THE AFL/ CIO DELEGATION WHICH IS PRESENTLY IN SAIGON AND WHICH HAS AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT THIEU ON JULY 5. I TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER THAT MR. WHARTON, THE LEADER OF THIS DELEGATION, HAD TOLD ME THAT THE DELEGATION WOULD PROTEST THE IMPRISONMENT OF THESE TRADE UNIONISTS WHEN THEY SAW THE PRESIDENT. THE PRIME MINISTER INFORMED ME THAT THERE WERE LINKS BETWEEN THESE INDIVIDUALS AND THE VC. HE SAID THAT HE HAD GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS THAT THEY BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL PROMPTLY AND THAT THIS TRIAL WOULD BE CONDUCTED BEFORE A MAGISTRATE WITH THE ACCUSED HAVING THE LEGAL COUNSEL TO WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED.
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